PURPOSE:

- To ensure that optimal learning opportunities are available for all students, free of distraction and unnecessary noise.

- Student belongings such as electronic devices can easily be lost or broken in a school environment. To avoid unnecessary student distress, such devices should not be brought to school. A separate policy applies to mobile phones.

GUIDELINES:

- The use of pagers, iPhones, iPods, MP3 players and similar electronic devices in class is disruptive to the learning environment of some students. These devices are not permitted during class time at Albany Rise Primary School.

- Personal electronic devices belonging to students will be confiscated, labelled and taken to the office for collection by the student at the end of the school day if they are sighted or used during class lessons, assemblies, in the library or any other time within the school during school hours.

- Students refusing to hand over an electronic device to a teacher for confiscation can reliably expect to face disciplinary consequences.

- Repeat offenders can expect further disciplinary action.

- Teachers wishing to utilise electronic devices (eg. iPad) in lessons are encouraged to do so, using the school’s available range of devices.

- In special circumstances, students may be allowed to bring electronic devices to school for specific educational purposes and under explicit guidelines, such as cameras for school camps.

- Neither the Department of Education nor our school have insurance to cover private goods if lost or stolen. As such we accept no liability in the event of lost, stolen or damaged electrical devices, and will not reimburse staff or students in this instance.